

## **Meetings and Ceremonies**

### **Early Years in Statuary Hall**

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Discussion of the early media coverage in Statuary Hall following the State of the Union.

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Now, after the State of the Union, another thing I did, and John Chambers, Whittaker Chambers' son, was covering for Tennessee stations and the Members would file out from the chamber, House and Senate, and the Senate would cross over to the Rotunda in Statuary Hall to get to the Senate side, they came over in a body, but when the State of the Union was over, they went individually, and they used to congregate in Statuary Hall. And I was very instrumental in setting that up with cable and, you know, companies and space and where they wanted to be, and they all sat as much as possible close to the aisle so that when the lens came moving, they could button hole them and bring them over to a camera.